

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS,
CHAPTER 50-4, EXAMINATIONS,
RULE 50-4-.03 ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTIFICATION.
AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the authority set forth below, the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers (hereinafter "Board") proposes amendments to the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers Rules, Chapter 50-4, Examinations, Rule 50-4-.03 Eligibility for Certification. (hereinafter "proposed rule amendments"). The proposed rule amendments include revisions to Rule 50-4-.03. The Board voted to post this notice of adoption and hearing at its board meeting on October 18, 2013.

The proposed rule amendments change the name of the examination administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards to reflect the current name, update the validity of completed exams to reflect current policy of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, and establish that certain applicants may be registered by the Board without examination under certain conditions.

This notice, together with an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments, is being mailed to all persons who have requested, in writing, that they be placed on a mailing list. A copy of this notice, an exact copy of the proposed rule amendments, and a synopsis of the proposed rule amendments may be reviewed during normal business hours of 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, except official State holidays, at the Office of the Secretary of State, Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. These documents will also be available for review on the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers' web page at <http://www.sos.ga.gov/plb/architects/>. Copies may also be requested by contacting the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers office at 478-207-2440.

A public hearing will be held at 9:30 a.m. on December 13, 2013 at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia to provide the public an opportunity to comment upon and provide input into the proposed rule amendments. At the public hearing anyone may present data, make a statement, comment or offer a viewpoint or argument whether orally or in writing. Lengthy statements or statements of a considerable technical or economic nature, as well as previously recorded messages, must be submitted for the official record. Oral statements should be concise and will be limited to 5 minutes per person. Additional comments should be presented in writing. Written comments are welcome. Such written comments must be legible and signed, should contain contact information for the maker (address, telephone number and/or facsimile number, etc.) and be actually received in the office prior to the close of business

(5:00 p.m.) on December 6, 2013. Written comments should be addressed to Lisa W. Durden, Division Director, Professional Licensing Boards Division, Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia 31217. FAX: 478-314-9128.

The proposed rule amendments will be considered for adoption by the Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers at its meeting on December 13, 2013, scheduled to begin at 10:00 a.m. at the office of the Professional Licensing Boards Division, 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. The Georgia Board of Architects and Interior Designers has the authority to adopt proposed rule amendments to Rule 50-4-.03 pursuant to authority contained in OCGA §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-4-9, and 43-4-11.

The Board will consider at its meeting on December 13, 2013 whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment imposes excessive regulatory costs on any licensee or entity and whether any cost to comply with the proposed rule amendment could be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of OCGA §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-4-9, and 43-4-11.

Additionally, at its meeting on December 13, 2013, the Board will consider whether it is legal or feasible in meeting the objectives of OCGA §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-4-9, and 43-4-11 to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed at O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4(a)(3)(A), (B), (C) and (D). The Board will consider whether the formulation and adoption of this proposed rule amendment will impact every licensee in the same manner when small businesses are independently owned and operated and not dominant in the field of architecture.

For further information, contact the Board office at 478-207-2440.

This notice is given in compliance with O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

This 24th day of October, 2013.

Lisa W. Durden
Division Director
Professional Licensing Boards

Posted: October 24, 2013.

**SYNOPSIS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS RULES,
CHAPTER 50-4, EXAMINATIONS,
RULE 50-4-.03 ELIGIBILITY FOR CERTIFICATION.**

Rule 50-4-.03 Eligibility for Certification. is hereby proposed for amendment and adoption as amended.

Purpose: The purpose of the proposed rule amendments is to change the name of the examinations administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, to change the validity of completed exams to reflect current National Council of Architectural Registration Boards policies, and to allow certain applicants to be registered by the Board without the examination under certain conditions.

Main Features: The main features of the proposed amendments to the rule are changes to the examinations administered by the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards to reflect current policies, and to allow registration of certain applicants by the Board who maintain an active registration with another member board of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards.

**DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THE EXISTING RULE AND
THE PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE
GEORGIA BOARD OF ARCHITECTS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS,
CHAPTER 50-4 EXAMINATIONS, RULE 50-4-.03 ELIGIBILITY FOR
CERTIFICATION.**

[Note: underlined text is proposed to be added; lined-through text is proposed to be deleted.]

50-4-.03 Eligibility for Certification.

(1) An applicant who is determined by the Board to possess the qualifications set forth in Code Section 43-4-11(b)(1), 43-4-11(b)(2), or 43-4-11(b)(3) shall be required to pass all parts of the NCARB ~~Uniform~~ Architect Registration Examination in accordance with the NCARB policies current at the time the applicant takes the ARE®, all as accepted by the Board from time to time to be eligible for certification.

(2) An applicant who is determined by the Board to possess the qualification set forth in Code Section 43-4-11(c) may be registered without having to comply with the requirements of this chapter if:

(a) The applicant submits satisfactory evidence that he or she holds a current and valid certification issued by NCARB, and

(b) The applicant also submits satisfactory evidence that he or she holds a current and valid registration issued by any other NCARB Member Board or by a jurisdiction outside of the United States recognized by NCARB, and

(c) The applicant files an application with the Board, on a form prescribed by the Board, containing such additional information, satisfactory to the Board, as the Board considers pertinent, and pays the applicable fee established by the Board.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: O.C.G.A §§ 43-1-24, 43-1-25, 43-4-9 and 43-4-11.